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SUBJECT: November NARCOTICS REPORT-KINGSTON

11. Buccaneer Eradication

Buccaneer and other land operations seized five hundred and sixty six (566) kilograms of cured marijuana. Additionally, 26.99 hectares of matured marijuana plants, 1.81 kilograms of seeds, and 40,300 units of seedlings were destroyed. During the month of November the police arrested 554 locals and 14 foreigners for various criminal activities.

¶2. Cocaine Seizure

Two British subjects who attempted to smuggle liquid cocaine was arrested at the Norman Manley International Airport. This was the result of collaborative work between the Jamaica Constabulary Force and their British counterparts. They were both employed in the airline industry in Britain.

13. Seizure Statistics, November 2008

Drug Eradication & Seizure

No	ovember 2008	November	2007 Y-T-D
Marijuana Growing, Hectares	27	63	450
Marijuana Cured, Kilograms	566.07	2,736	27,614
Seeds, Kilograms	1.81	Nil	261
Seedlings, Units	40,300	46,400	535,300
Hash Oil, Kilograms	Nil	Nil	11
Cocaine, Kilograms	13.13	6.25	2
Crack, Kilograms	1.04	0.08	242

14. Airport Activities

The Airport taskforce personnel have being reassigned to a location in the airport terminal and the building originally designed for the taskforce is being utilized by the Commissioner of police for law enforcement operations.

¶5. Maritime Activities

The Jamaica Defence Force conducted 13 dive operations. Seven at Jamalco, Rocky Point Clarendon and six at Port Rhodes, St Ann. Neither drugs nor contraband was found.

16. Jamaica Fugitive Apprehension Team-JFAT

Henderson Joseph was extradited from Trinidad and Tobago to Washington. He was wanted by the District of Columbia for Federal tax fraud.

The table below provides a breakdown of JFAT activities:

Month November 2008

New Cases Opened	9
Closed Cases	22
Open/Pending Cases	165
Outstanding Provisional Warrants	12
Arrest on Provisional Warrants	0
Suspects in Custody Pending Extradition	13

REGIONAL STATISTICS

New International Cases 1
Cases Closed 0
Open/Pending Cases 16
Arrests on Provisional Warrants 0

Narcotics Affairs Section Support

Close circuit television equipment was donated to the Jamaica Constabulary Force. This equipment will be used to allow witnesses the ability to identify suspects without exposure of identification or intimidation at two sites across the island. Eventually, there will be six locations throughout Jamaica. The equipment was purchased at the cost of USD 119,175.00. This was a joint U.S. - UK purchase. The UK furnished the software for the identification parades, NAS purchased the CCTV and digital recording equipment.

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